



SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

February 25, 2021

Director Ellen Wheatley
Office of Child Care
Administration for Children and Families
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Madam:

This letter describes how Susanville Indian Rancheria plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies:

- Susanville Indian Rancheria plans on hiring a Special Education Advocate to assist our Coordinator with the needs for our students who display learning and social development delays. Since COVID, we have noticed an increase in students who need testing for disabilities in the social, emotional, and cognitive areas. In addition, the schools have not been addressing the needs and support for the students needing these services. The cost of the Special Education Advocate is \$54,371.20 to \$74,817.00, depending on their experience.
- Caring for children with special health or developmental needs is a targeted Quality Improvement in the 2020 to 2022 CCDF plan.
- This advocate will work with children up to age 19 providing direct services to them because of increased need for child care at our Educational Center, child care centers and family homes as a result of the pandemic. The coordinator will be responsible for working with the student, families, providers, and educational entities; to provide learning strategies in a way that benefits the child. The advocate will conduct testing and implement and co-generate Individual Education Plans (IEP) and 504's. Students will meet with the coordinator one-on-one or in a group setting to address their needs.

2. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- The Susanville Indian Rancheria will be providing \$2,000 to the Lassen County Office of Education (LCOE) After-School Program who is a provider who was not

participating in the Subsidy System prior to the pandemic. Currently, the LCOE's after school program has increased their intake of students due to Covid regulations making the school days shorter. The After-School Program is planning on using the funds towards increasing what they can do with their after-school and summer program.

3. Other:

- \$7,000.00 is requested for a room divider at our Education Center, so the Special Education Advocate can have a private place to interact with students as well as establish adequate social distancing for the children.

This is a tentative plan for the Susanville Indian Rancheria. We have not had our Tribal Business Council approve this plan to date. Upon approval, notification will be sent to the Regional Program Manager and Program Specialist for Region 9. The Susanville Indian Rancheria will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Respectfully,

/s/

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